only to speak about a few of the important questions not already dealt with.

The question of re-opening the old road from the Jew's shop junction in Chinnakada to the Quilon-Trivandrum road was one of the subjects for representation from the 21st session of the Assembly. The Municipal Council had also passed a resolution, agreeing to meet the preliminary expenses in connection with it. The objection of the Railway authorities should not stand in the way of opening the road. The needful should be done in the matter at an early date.

The Government had recognised the need for constructing a pier at Quilon at the 24th session of the Assembly. Early steps should be taken to satisfy this need.

The electrification of the Quilon town was an urgent matter. The Government should render all possible help in working out the scheme.

The Government had occupied *poramboke* lands in the town against the provisions of the Municipal Regulation and in disregard of the powers of the Municipal Council. The Municipal Regulation should be suitably amended or the Government should intimate to the Municipal Council that the Government had full powers in regard to the *poramboke* lands.

DEWAN'S REPLY; Mr. Abdur Rahiman Kutti, it is no good making too many representations. If you make one or two, possibly, they might be accepted. When you members, put in a list of thirty or forty suggestions, it is a physical impossibility to deal with them all. It is a very great difficulty to choose; and it is impossible to satisfy the members.

The re-opening of the old road from the Jew's shop junction is considered unnecessary and the cost of maintaining a railway level crossing will be incommensurate with the possible advantage.

The question of constructing a pier has been dropped.

The electrification of the town is a matter which should be worked out by the Council itself, and I understand that efforts are being made to find a contractor as was done at Kottayam.

The question of the occupation of *poramboke* lands against the provisions of the Municipal Regulation is engaging the attention of Government.

92. Needs of the Kottarakara taluk.

MR. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Kottarakara taluk*) said that the Kottarakara dispensary was located in an unsuitable thatched building. The necessity for converting the dispensary into a hospital had been repeatedly urged on the attention of the Government from the 22nd session of the Assembly onwards, but the grievances of the people in the matter remained still unredressed. If a hospital was established at

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Kottarakara it would be useful not only to the inhabitants of the Kottarakara taluk, numbering 150,000, but also to those inhabiting the neighbouring taluks of Kunnattur and Pattanapuram who numbered twice as much.

The member next said that the absence of street lights in the Kottarakara town was a source of very great inconvenience and danger to the people, especially as cases of snake-bites were very common. The roads and the lanes in the town were also rendered highly insanitary by the people using them as public latrines. A Municipality should therefore be sanctioned for Kottarakara or at least the Conservancy staff should be instructed to do the needful in the matter. Street lights should also be provided in the town at a very early date.

The Magistrate's Court was housed in an unsuitable rented building. A new building should be constructed within the premises of the Taluk Office and the Court shifted to that building.

A bridge should be constructed at Karimpinpuzha. The necessity for the bridge had been represented at many previous sessions of the Assembly.

The dams constructed across the Pulaman *'odu* were washed away by the floods. The dams should be reconstructed properly.

An additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 should be sanctioned to the taluk for the grant of agricultural loans.

The rules regarding the grant of half-fee concessions in schools were defective. The recommendations of the fee concession committees were very often ignored by the school authorities and concessions were granted according to their will and pleasure. This state of affairs should be remedied.

Lastly, the member represented that the following traces should be converted into cart roads:—

(i) The foot-path from the Kottarakara travellers' bungalow to the Main Central road.

(ii) The Oyur-Pooyapalli road.

(iii) The ryots' road from Vettikavala temple to Chakkuvarakkal.

(iv) The Ezhukone-Neduvankavu village road.

(v) The Avanur-East Kallada road.

(vi) The foot path from Chentara to Vallam.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Velayudhan Pillai, the question of using the local travellers' bungalow as a dispensary is being considered by Government. The question of converting it into a hospital will be considered.

Street lighting must be done by the local bodies themselves.

Whether space can be found in the Taluk Office premises for a Magistrate's Court will be investigated.

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An estimate for constructing a bridge at Karimpinpuzha is under preparation.

An estimate has been sanctioned for constructing dams across the Pulaman *todu*. The work will be taken up as soon as funds are available.

The allotment under agricultural loans is being distributed by the Land Revenue Commissioner according to the needs of each taluk.

The Director of Public Instruction is considering the revision of the existing fee concession scheme; and he will be asked to consider your suggestions also in that connection.

Your suggestion about the improvements to the various roads will be sent to the Chief Engineer.

93. Needs of the Pattanapuram taluk.

MR. NAMBAN PILLAI KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanapuram taluk*) first urged the need for establishing a Munsiff's Court in the taluk. He enumerated the difficulties experienced by the people of the taluk in seeking relief from the Kottarakara Munsiff's Court, which was about 30 to 35 miles away from some parts of the taluk. More than half the cases filed in the Kottarakara Munsiff's Court were from the Pattanapuram taluk. A Munsiff's Court should be established in the taluk or if this was not possible immediately a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court should be established as an experimental measure as was done in the case of the Nedumangad and Schencotta taluks.

The member next said that his taluk was lacking in facilities of means of communication and urged for the improvement and taking over for departmental maintenance the undermentioned roads :—

(i) The Anchal-Meenkulam road branching off from the Trivandrum—Kulattupuzha road.

(ii) The Kunnikod—Anchal road starting from the Quilon—Shencotta road and joining the Anchal road.

(iii) The Kunnikod—Pattazhi—Enattu road, connecting the Quilon—Shencotta road and the M. C. road.

(iv) The Mailam—Pattazhi road connecting the Parakod—Pattazhi road and the M. C. road.

(v) The Punalur-Tadikad road.

(vi) The Punalur-Tolikkodu road, starting from the 28th mile of the Quilon Shencotta road and joining the Anchal Punalur road at the 6th milestone.

(vii) The Melila—Tadikad road, connecting the Punalur—Anchal road and the Tadikad road.

The taluk was also lacking in educational facilities, especially as regards female education. There was only one primary school for girls at Punalur, and class V which originally existed was abolished. The primary school should be converted into a vernacular middle school by opening classes V to VII. If this was not possible on financial

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